



Starting Strongly Together

The first half term of a new academic year always brings a level of change. I am proud of how the students have adapted to some changes we have made and welcomed our new staff warmly—who have settled into our systems and culture.

We have also seen a strong rise in attendance compared to the same period last year and I'd like to thank all families for their commitment to making sure their child attends on time and every day. We were very excited to reward some students for attendance today in our usual half-termly raffle.

Of course, as a school in the CORE Education Trust family, the brilliant opportunities our students have experienced have been some of the many highlights over the half term. This edition captures some of those 'once in a lifetime' experiences perfectly.

I would urge families who have not yet downloaded our Class Charts app to do so over the holidays. I have also written a reminder to all parents about [uniform and equipment expectations ahead of the return to school on Monday 6th November](#).

It has been excellent to see Year 10 and Year 11 engage with their additional sessions as part of our Golden Hour programme and also brilliant to see Year 11 take on their first set of assessments with maturity.

All students have had assemblies this week about ['safety in the season' with a letter now on our website to all parents](#).

I wish everybody a safe and happy half-term and look forward to students returning on Monday 6th November,

Mr J Barton—Headteacher

Our Shared Mission:

At JQA, we focus on **delivering a CORE education** that provides a broad range of opportunities for students from all backgrounds to learn and achieve as well as developing a depth of character around our shared values.

Collaboration: we succeed by working as a team.

Opportunity: we develop by taking on new challenges.

Respect: we care by respecting and looking after each other.

Excellence: we achieve by always giving 100% in everything we do.

COMING UP...

Our Events calendar is online at: <https://www.corejewelleryquarter.academy/events/>

6th November—Term resumes for all students

6th and 10th November—Year 11 Geography field trip

17th November—Opportunity Day 1

30th November—Forest of Dean Sculpture Trail trip

7th December—Year 11 Parents' Evening

14th December—Year 10 Parents' Evening

19th December—Winter Show

22nd December—Break up for Christmas Holidays

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Quarter Academy**

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 [@COREJQAcademy](https://twitter.com/COREJQAcademy)

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COLLABORATION—Student Leadership

At JQA, we are immensely proud of our shiniest gems and our Student Parliament team are excellent representatives of Team JQA. The Student Parliament meets regularly to discuss issues that affect our students, and work with staff to improve our provision.

Excellence is expected here at JQA, and that is what they deliver. We look forward to them reporting back in May the impact of their actions so far this year.

Below is a message from our new Head Girl:

“Hello, my name is Harina and I am this years Head Girl of Jewellery Quarter Academy. I strive to make improvements within the academy and highlight the core values through the ideas of my peers.

I will embed collaboration through working with the students of JQA, work around every opportunity by taking the chance to involve parents and make positive changes to benefit everyone within our school community.

I will respect the thoughts, opinions and ideas of students and portray excellence by working as part of a team with the Student Parliament.

As Head Girl, I take on board my responsibilities and represent JQA alongside wanting to introduce more mental health awareness so that students can feel more comfortable within our school environment to approach their teachers as well as enforce a more cultural diverse environment as well as make the academy more eco-friendly.”



COLLABORATION—Year 11 Information Evening

On Thursday 14th September, Year 11 students and parents/carers were invited along to an information evening regarding GCSEs and post-16 options.

The evening was a success, in which many parents/carers turned up to speak to our post-16 providers .

Thank you to Sandwell college, Central St Michaels, Cadbury College, Birmingham Met College, Joesph Chamberlain, Access Creative, Matthew Boulton College, UCB and RAF.



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COLLABORATION—Elevate

At JQA we have a fantastic collaboration with Elevate who come into the Academy to work with our Year 11 gems to develop vital skills for this most important of years.

In October, Elevate were collaborating with our Year 11 gems to work on revision skills in preparation for mocks and their final Summer exams.

Elevate will be working with our Year 11 gems throughout the year to make sure that they will be ready for their exams in the Summer.



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COLLABORATION—Open Evening

Wednesday 11th October was our annual JQA Open Evening, where we invite parents of students in Year 6 at local primary schools into the Academy to check out what JQA has to offer. It was very well attended and we look forward to many applications to join the school.



In Art, our future 'gems' were trying a technique called 'wax resist' from the Artist Underwasser



Our Food Technology department offered fresh baked treats!



In Performing Arts, future gems were involved in some detective work!



COLLABORATION— Duke of Edinburgh

Among the multitude of opportunities we offer our gems, we are proud of our Duke of Edinburgh award programme.

This half term, some of our students have been working together in pursuit of their Silver Duke of Edinburgh award.

Collaboration and Excellence is part of our culture and values and these students represent these values impressively. We look forward to updates soon regarding their progress on the programme.



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COLLABORATION— Financial Support This Half Term

Ladywood

Ladywood - <http://ladywoodfoodbank.org.uk/>

Ladywood Foodbank – Labour of Love Ladywood Seventh-Day Adventist Church,
13 Guild Close, St. Vincent Street West, Ladywood, Birmingham, B16 8RP

07767152291 10.00am-14.00pm

Email : lwfoodbanklabouroflove@ymail.com

Birmingham

Birmingham - <https://birminghamcentral.foodbank.org.uk/>

Birmingham Central Foodbank, Birmingham City Church Parade

Birmingham, B1 3QQ.

0121 236 2997 (We distribute food parcels on: Tuesdays 9:30 -11:30 Fridays 10:00-13:30).

Email: info@birminghamcentral.foodbank.org.uk

Aston & Nechells

St Matthew's Church, 63 Wardlow Road, Nechells, Birmingham, B7 4JH.

0121 359 0801 (Open Mondays from 12.00-14.30pm).

Handsworth

Handsworth Birmingham Foodbank, New Life Wesleyan Church, Holyhead Road

Handsworth, Birmingham, B21 0LA. Telephone - 0121 070 734. (Open Thursdays 13.00pm-15.00pm)

Sparkhill

Units 20-21, Rovex Business Park, Hay Hall Road, Tyseley, Birmingham, B11 2AQ. Telephone - 0121 7081398 (Open Tuesdays / Thursdays 10.00am-13.30pm).



COLLABORATION—Holiday Offers



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE OCTOBER HALF TERM 2023

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

M&S CAFES

Spend £5 & get one free kid's meal Mon - Fri during the Oct Half term (various dates)

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day. Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

YO! SUSHI

From Monday 16th October - Friday 27th 2023 kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE Monday - Friday from Monday 23rd October - Friday 3rd November 2023

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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OPPORTUNITY— Envision programme

Starting in October, Envision UK have begun working on a project with a group of twelve Year 9 students. They are working in conjunction with HSBC bank to plan, develop and launch a school wide project focusing on a school based issue of their own choice here at JQA.

The students will be also working on key areas for them to develop. These include raising aspirations, communication and teamwork.

On the 17th of October, our Year 9 gems had the opportunity to visit HSBC offices in Centenary Square and take part in a variety of different activities.



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OPPORTUNITY— Football Beyond Borders

At JQA, we know that many of our gems love sport and we have a brilliant partnership with the Football Beyond Borders programme to work with some of our students to develop their skills on and off the field.

This half-term, a small group of students had the amazing opportunity to meet up with the England squad ahead of the recent International Fixtures. They even got the chance to speak to players such as Calvin Phillips, get autographs and signed merchandise.

These are the 'once in a lifetime' experiences for our young people as part of the CORE offer.



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OPPORTUNITY— HEN Project

On the 19th of October, a selection of Year 7 students had the opportunity to accompany Miss Bowen and Mr Allen to a theatrical performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at the Birmingham Hippodrome as part of the HEN project.

Our young gems really enjoyed this chance to visit a professional theatre and experience the thrills of the live stage show, which will help to inform their work in their Performing Arts lessons.



OPPORTUNITY— Opportunity Day 1

Opportunity Day 1 will be held on Friday 17th of November. Each year group will be taking part in different opportunities throughout the day.

Year 7 students will be looking at our value of “Excellence” value, which will include external providers coming into the school to explore what excellence means on a daily basis.

Year 8 students will be looking at our value of “Respect” value, which will include external providers coming into the school to explore what respect looks like in action.

Year 9 students will be taking part in different GCSE option taster sessions.

Year 10 will be working with post-16 providers to look at different courses that are available.

Year 11 will be visiting The University of Manchester.

It will be a memorable day and pictures will be in the next newsletter.



OPPORTUNITY— Heritage Week

Heritage week in the Jewellery Quarter is an important event, with many people invited to explore and discover Birmingham's rich history and heritage during 9th-18th September.

Many Birmingham based organisations and societies opened their doors and offered events to show off what Birmingham had to offer. This included over 150 events to choose from—ranging from talks, walks, workshops, outdoor performances, building tours and open days.

During the 9th-18th September, many of our students went to different events to see the rich history of Jewellery Quarter.



RESPECT— Black History Month

At JQA, we welcome and celebrate students from all races, ethnicities and backgrounds into our 'Team JQA'.

Celebrating Black History Month is a vital way for us to celebrate the rich history, culture and achievements of people from the black community. This is something we and our students are passionate about.

This October, as part of Black History Month, we invited the First Class Foundation into the Academy to deliver a vibrant and exciting assembly highlighting and celebrating members of the black community who have demonstrated excellence both in our city and around the world.

At JQA, we respect everyone and value our diversity as one of our many strengths.



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RESPECT— The Middle East

We will have all been affected by the events in the Middle East that are taking place at the moment, seeing the conflict play out on our screens.

Our approach has been to engage students in discussion and to promote respect for different perspectives and viewpoints, taking a balanced and objective approach.

We would like to share the contents of the session we delivered to students with all parents so they can support this approach:

<https://www.corejewelleryquarter.academy/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/Respect-Week-7-1.pdf>

We also encouraged students to critically consider social media—an important topic in the modern world.

Things to consider...

- With the increased social media coverage of these kinds of situations, it we are often exposed to highly emotive content such as images or videos that are supposedly from the current conflict
- Whilst some of these will be genuine, it is extremely important to realise that misinformation, AI generated or manipulated images can also be shared with the aim of misleading the public – young people in particular can be exposed to this!
- We must be very conscious of misinformation and ‘fake news’ and how it can be used for political propaganda (by either side)

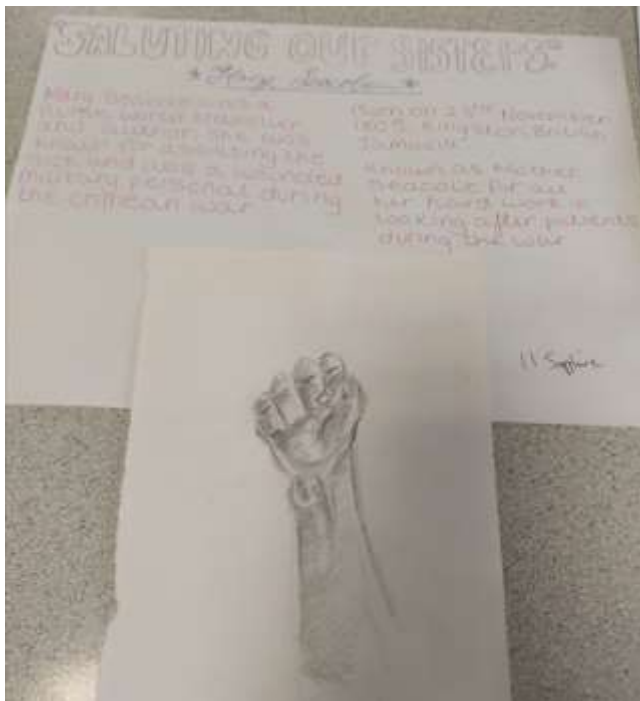
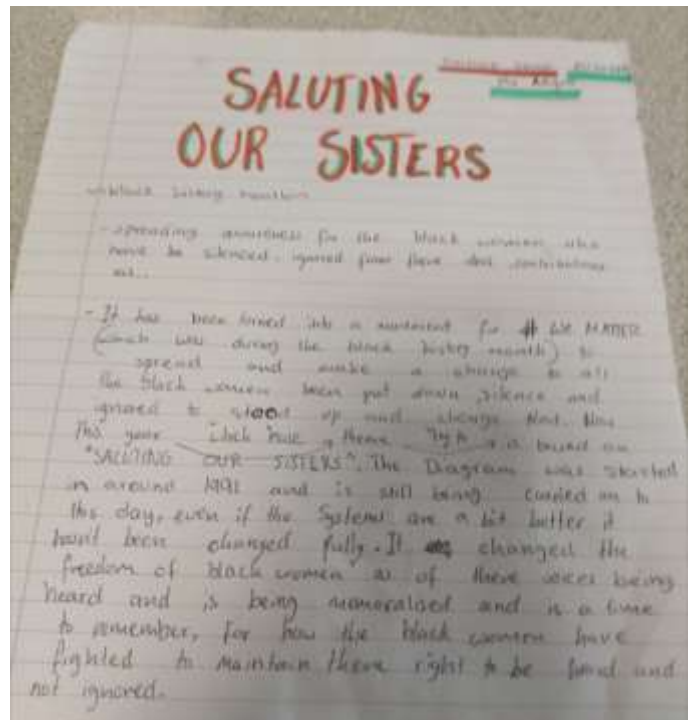
It is very important to assert with all students that shows of support for one side or another in this conflict will not be accepted within Jewellery Quarter Academy.



RESPECT— Saluting our Sisters

As part of our Black History Month, students across the Academy were set a form competition to research and write about the achievements of famous and successful black women, in keeping with the theme of 'Saluting our Sisters'

Some of our gems wrote some fantastic research pieces, showing the respect they have for these wonderful women.



Mary Seacole was one of many influential black women that our students researched and showed respect to.



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RESPECT— Hall of Memory Visit

As part of the Birmingham wide 'Heritage week' held in September, some of our JQA gems paid their respects to the people of Birmingham who had given their lives during the two World Wars by visiting the Birmingham Hall of Memory in Centenary Square

Our students showed their interest in the stories of the fallen, examined the many tributes and showed their respect in their excellent conduct during the visit.



RESPECT— Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher

One of the new features at JQA this academic year is our use of Classcharts to monitor and celebrate student's performance at JQA.

Our gems are rewarded with positive points for demonstrating any of our CORE values of Collaboration, Opportunity, Respect and Excellence.

Some of our shiniest gems sit with Mr Barton for hot chocolate with the Headteacher every two weeks, where they maturely discussed the issues important to students over a tasty hot beverage.



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EXCELLENCE AT JQA—Athletics at the Alexander Stadium

Following on from last year, we are continuing to offer great opportunities to some of our most excellent sportsmen and sportswomen to receive the best training and coaching.

We are happy to continue to send some of our excellent athletics stars to train at the brilliant facility of the Alexander Stadium, host venue for the 2022 Commonwealth Games



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EXCELLENCE AT JQA—Golden Hour

This half-term, JQA has been demonstrating its commitment to excellence by holding additional 'Golden Hour' sessions in a variety of subjects for KS4 students from 15.10 to 16.10

The aim of these sessions is to give our KS4 GCSE students some additional support in order for them to achieve their best and get the grades they deserve.

In Food Technology, we can see some excellent dishes been produced in their 'Golden Hour' sessions



EXCELLENCE AT JQA—Next Generation Awards 2023

On the 12th of October, two of our shiniest gems from Years 8 and 9 were selected to represent JQA at the Next Generation Awards as part of the Birmingham Civic Society.

These awards were to highlight some of the excellent and vital work been done by students (and staff) in schools to help make their communities better.

Due to the commitment and dedication of our gems and our staff, JQA was able to pick up two awards on the night: a Silver award for our student's project and a 'School Stars' award for our work with the community.

We always show excellence in everything we do!



EXCELLENCE AT JQA—100% Attendance Awards

Excellence at JQA includes having excellent attendance. If students are not in school, they miss out on vital learning. Each week this half term, students with 100% attendance have been given a raffle ticket to be posted in our special golden post box in reception.



And the winners are...

Jump the Queue lunch passes:

Hashim 11Pearl, Max 10Ruby, Renee 11Topaz, Olatunji 7Ruby, Blaise 11Ruby, Nicole 8Sapphire, Goodness 7Emerald, Daniel 10Pearl, Aisha 7Emerald, Damilola 9Emerald

Bronze Prizes (choice of board game) Simon 10Topaz, Wiktoria 11Pearl, Mohsin 7Sapphire, Shanae 7Pearl, Thalha 8Sapphire

Silver prizes (choice of earbuds, smartwatch or power bank) Nadiya Larry 8Emerald, Aron 7Ruby, Denis 9Ruby

Gold prize (smart speaker) Kerrison 7Emerald

Attendance is higher than in the same half term last year. Well done to all families whose children had 100% attendance this half term.



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WHO TO CONTACT AT TEAM JQA

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education or time at Jewellery Quarter Academy can we ask that you contact the Year Group Coordinator for your child in the first instance.

The most effective way to do this is via email and all teachers' emails are [here](#).

Please don't always expect an immediate response as all teachers have very busy timetables, but we will endeavour to reply the same day. The contact emails for each Year Group Coordinator are listed here.

Year 7: Miss R Robinson: RRobinson@corejewelleryquarter.academy

Year 8: Miss S Mahey: SMahey@corejewelleryquarter.academy

Year 9: Miss E Egerton: EEgerton@corejewelleryquarter.academy

Year 10: Mr C Tennant: CTennant@corejewelleryquarter.academy

Year 11: Mr G Christie: GChristie@corejewelleryquarter.academy



If you would like to contact the Safeguarding team, email safeguarding@jewelleryquarter.academy



Miss Robinson



Miss Mahey



Miss Egerton



Mr Tennant



Mr Christie

DOWNLOAD CLASS CHARTS

Class Charts is the best way to stay up to date with your child's performance at the school.

We expect all parents to download our Class Charts app.

Visit: <https://www.classcharts.com/parent/login>



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CONTACTING TEAM JQA

Contacting Reception

Our Reception remains open during the hours of 8am and 4pm on weekdays.

The most effective way to contact us is via email at enquiry@corejewelleryquarter.academy

This account is monitored every day over the holidays.

You are, of course, welcome to drop in to Reception anytime during office hours.

You can also call us on 0121 729 7220



Reporting A Safeguarding Concern

If you would like to contact us with a specific concern over the summer, email; safeguarding@corejewelleryquarter.academy

Students can also complete a Sharp System referral for immediate support:

<https://jewelleryquarter.thesharpsystem.com/>

STAYING IN TOUCH WITH JQA

Academy Voicemail

We recently changed our phone system after feedback from parents/carers to include the facility to leave a message if lines are busy.

You now have the option to leave a voice message on the Academy Voicemail by pressing **Option 2** in office hours and out of office hours too– this is checked twice a day at 8am and 12pm.

Please be sure to state your child's name clearly and who the message is for and one of Team JQA will get back to you.



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